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1. US CONVENED MEETING MARCH 3 WITH WESTERN MEMBERS OF SC (CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, UK, US) PER REFTEL.
2. AMB MCHENRY EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF THE REPORT AND INDICATED THAT WE WANTED TO SHARE THE MATERIAL WITH THEM AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. AMB MCHENRY SAID WE WOULD BE SENDING COPIES TO ALL PERMREPS SHORTLY. STIBRAVY THEN OUTLINED THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE REPORT AND NOTED SOME AREAS TO WHICH THEY MIGHT WISH TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.
3. ALL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE REPORT. CANADIAN MISOFF SAID THAT ON FIRST GLANCE IT APPEARED TYPE OF PAPER CANADIAN FOREIGN OFFICE MIGHT PREPARE FOR ITS PARLIAMENT OR PUBLIC TO QUIET VARIOUS FEARS AND CONCERNS. HE SAID IT DIFFICULT TO COMMENT ON SUCH A DOMESTIC

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EXCHANGE BETWEEN US EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE. FIFOOT (UK) ASKED WHAT RELATIONSHIP WE SAW BETWEEN PAPER AND CHARTER REVIEW EXERCISE. WE RESPONDED THAT PAPER NOT INTENDED FOR THAT EXERCISE THOUGH WE MIGHT DRAW ON SOME OF THE IDEAS IN PAPER IN THAT CONTEXT. IT WAS NOTED THAT MANY OF THE IDEAS HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED BY US REPS IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

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4. MUSEAUX (FRANCE) SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO QUAI AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS BUT THAT AS PRELIMINARY MATTER HE CONCERNED THAT EVEN RELATIVELY MINOR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE IN CHARTER COULD BE DANGEROUS ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS TO SEEK MORE SWEEPING CHANGES. AMB MCHENRY REPLIED THAT CONVERSELY OVER-RIGID NEGATIVISM COULD STIMULATE JUST AS MUCH TROUBLE AND SOME FLEXIBILITY COULD ASSIST IN CONTAINING PRESSURES. MOREOVER, HE THOUGHT READING OF REPORT WOULD REASSURE FRENCH THAT OUR PROPOSALS WERE NOT OF SUCH NATURE AS TO OPEN PANDORA'S BOX OF WHICH MUSEAUX HAD SPOKEN.

5. AFTER FURTHER BRIEF EXCHANGES MCHENRY SUGGESTED WE DEFER FULLER DISCUSSION UNTIL OTHERS HAD HAD TIME TO DIGEST REPORT, AFTER WHICH WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER MEETINGS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON SELECTED SUBJECTS, IN PARTICULAR IDEAS ON BETTER UTILIZATION OF SC AND ON PEACEKEEPING. YOUNG

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